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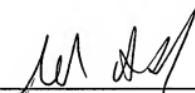
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Patent documents EP0 455 285 A (corresponding to CA 2041157), EP 0 520 316 A, DE 23 29 608 A and US 4,455,285 were all cited in the International Search Report of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report, which is in the English language and serves as a statement of relevance for any non-English references above, is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,



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